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Credentials of representatives

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Robert Eric Alabado **Borje** (Philippines)

1. On 11 August 2011, the Meeting of States Parties held to elect one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, decided, for the purposes of conducting the business of the Meeting, to maintain the composition of the Credentials Committee as appointed by the twenty-first Meeting held in June 2011. The Credentials Committee thus consisted of the following nine States Parties: Belgium, Brazil, Ghana, Norway, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Uruguay and Zambia.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 11 August 2011. It had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, of the same date, describing the status of credentials of representatives of States Parties participating in the Meeting. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement with regard to the credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

3. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, orally supplemented during the meeting, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 82 States Parties: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Nauru, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay.

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4. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, orally supplemented during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Meeting had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of diplomatic correspondence from ministries, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 60 States Parties: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

5. On the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible, the Committee adopted the following resolution without a vote:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to elect one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf held on 11 August 2011 referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 11 August 2011, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat dated 11 August 2011,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

6. Subsequently, the Committee approved, without a vote, the Chairperson's proposal that the Committee recommend to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea held on 11 August 2011 to elect one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

7. The proposal was adopted without a vote.